
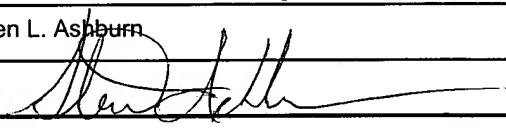


REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL		Application Number: 09/963,578 Confirmation Number: 8687
Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		Filing Date: September 27, 2001 First Named Inventor: Masanori WATANUKI Group Art Unit: 2615 Examiner: D. E. Faulk Attorney Docket Number: 04329.2682-00
		
<p>This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.</p> <p>Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.</p>		
<p>1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: <u>Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise.</u> If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment.</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> DO NOT ENTER the amendment(s) previously filed on _____. An alternate submission is attached.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed submission: .</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-left: 20px;"> <div> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</p> </div> <div> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement</p> <p>iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> </div> </div>		
<p>2. Miscellaneous</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>		
<p>3. Fees</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The filing fee is calculated as follows:</p> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for extension of time for (____ Months) \$_____</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> </div> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$790.00 is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.</p>		
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